Perry County, Indiana Earns *Storm*Ready Designation

At a brief ceremony held October 5, 2011 in the county courthouse in Tell City, Perry County, Indiana was officially recognized as a StormReady County.

Two county commissioners and the mayor of Tell City joined Perry County Emergency Management Director Steve Hauser in accepting StormReady road signs and documentation designating the county's status. After an introduction by Commissioner Bill Amos to start the ceremony, NWS Louisville WCM Joe Sullivan provided a short overview of the StormReady program and reviewed some of the more significant severe weather events of 2011 in southern Indiana. NWS Louisville MIC John Gordon then took the floor to present Hauser with a certificate acknowledging the county's preparedness activities, including the recruitment of five CoCoRaHS observers in the county. Noting that StormReady is part of the National Weather Service's overall goal of creating a WeatherReady Nation, Gordon mentioned that snow storms, heat waves, and floods pose threats that can be mitigated by incorporating the same concepts of increased preparedness, situational awareness, and interaction with local NWS staff.

After Gordon presented Hauser with a certificate and letter recognizing his efforts, Tell City Mayor Barbara Ewing spoke of the city/county cooperation that not only resulted in the StormReady designation, but provided numerous other benefits to residents of the southern Indiana community as well. As a bonus to the ceremony, Terry Hight, District 10 Coordinator for the Indiana Department of Homeland Security, announced he had just received word that additional NOAA Weather Radio receivers would soon be made available free of charge to qualifying Perry County residents thanks to a recent grant purchase.



(L-R):Joe Sullivan (WCM, NWS Louisville), Terry Hight (District 10 Coordinator, IDHS), Barbara Ewing (Tell City Mayor), Tom Hauser (Perry Co. Commissioner), Bill Amos (Perry Co. Commissioner), Steve Hauser (Perry Co. EMA Director), John Gordon (MIC, NWS Louisville)

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